(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take for setting up of a nodal Ministry to coordinate scientific activities of different departments of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These are enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 57].

(c) The Department of Science & Technology, under the Ministry of Science & Technology, has been given the responsibility for coordination of areas of science and technology in which a number of institutions and departments have interests and capabilities.

Per capita income in Orissa

1595. SHRI BASUDEV MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what was the per capita income in Orissa during the year 1986-87;

(b) what are the comparative statistics for the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to increase the per capita income?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) and (b) As per the quick estimates, the per capita net State domestic product of Orissa at 1970-71 prices is Rs. 535 for the year 1986-87. The comparative figures for 1984-85 and 1985-86 were Rs. 484 and Rs. 551 respectively.

(c) Per capita income of Orissa is lower than the average for the country as a whole. For the removal of such imbalances in case of the State of Orissa and other similarly placed States the following measures have been adopted:— Central assistance for the State Plans is allocated in accordance with the Modified Gadgil Formula. As per this 20 per cent of the total central assistance meant for non-special category States is allocated among States whose per capita income is below the national average. Orissa is one of the beneficiary States under this criterion. Thus 42.36 per cent of the Seventh Plan outlay of the State of Orissa is to be financed through central assistance against the average of 34.87 per cent for all the States. Further such States are also allocated special Market Borrowings to enable them to have higher plan size. Orissa has been allotted a total market borrowing of Rs. 441.82 crores for the Seventh Plan which included Rs. 189.19 crores of Special Market Borrowings.

Seventh Plan of Orissa has been fixed at Rs. 3700 crores which is 80 per cent higher than its Sixth Plan outlay as against an average increase of 65 8 per cent for all States. 64 per cent of the total outlay for the Seventh Plan has been allotted to Agriculture & Allied Services, Rural Development, Irrigation and Energy sectors. Poverty alleviation programmes like Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) are under implementation in the State.

These measures are expected to generate income and employment and thus raise the per capita income of the State of Orissa.

Mid-Term Appraisal of the seventh plan by FICCI

1596. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a mid-term appraisal of the Seventh Plan, carried out by FICCI, has suggested a much faster rate of growth of economy during the remaining two years of the Plan to achieve the Plan targets; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?